INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Spanish and Portuguese major is designed for students to gain competence in written and spoken Spanish and/or Portuguese. This is accomplished through both the formal study of the linguistic structure and social history of one or both of these languages and a critical understanding of the development and achievements of their literatures in the Old World and in the New.

The major is ideal for students seeking preparation for:
- careers in international relations, law, journalism, business, social work, K-12 teaching, medicine, public service, and the arts and humanities
- graduate study in Spanish and Portuguese Literatures and Culture
- graduate study in Hispanic Linguistics or Linguistics

GETTING STARTED

Students pursuing the major choose a concentration based on general area of interest:
- Concentration A: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Spanish-speaking World
- Concentration B: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Portuguese-speaking World
- Concentration C: Latin American Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Concentration D: Hispanic Languages, Linguistics, and Bilingualism

Visit the Undergraduate Advisor if you are unsure about which concentration is the right fit for you.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Strengthen your language skills in Spanish or Portuguese by studying abroad.
- Do a deep dive into a research topic with the Spanish & Portuguese honors program.

The Spanish and Portuguese Department at Cal creates a welcoming environment that allowed me to be vulnerable while learning a new language.

- Madison Dunlap, Class of 2019
**SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE**

Bachelor of Arts

**FIRST YEAR**
- Explore your major
  - Review major and college requirements
  - See the Spanish Placement Guide to determine your language level.
  - Think about which concentration is right for you.
  - Enroll in Freshman Seminars on interesting topics.
- Connect and build community
  - Discover hundreds of student organizations at the Calapalooza fair.
  - Get matched with a graduate student mentor through Berkeley Connect.
  - Form a study group via the Student Learning Center (SLC).
- Discover your passions
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
  - Explore new topics in student-facilitated DeCal courses.
  - Take L&S 1 for an introduction to the College.
  - Attend the Summer Opportunities Fair to start planning your summer.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Research study abroad options in Spanish and Portuguese language and culture.
  - Volunteer on campus or within the Berkeley community.
  - Engage in community service through the Public Service Center.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Use the Yearly Planner to guide your career path.
  - Map your skills and talents to career goals with the help of the Career Counseling Library.
  - Join Handshake to find Berkeley-specific internships and career development workshops.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Explore your major
  - Meet with the undergraduate advisor for a major advising on choosing a concentration, prerequisite courses, and declaring the major.
  - Consider a double major or a minor and summer minor or certificate to amplify your major.
- Connect and build community
  - Join the Spanish Conversation Club Amigos or Portuguese conversation meetup Bate-Papo.
  - Attend lecture events hosted by the department.
  - Go to office hours to build relationships with professors and graduate student instructors.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Study abroad as a sophomore, junior or senior with the Berkeley Study Abroad.
  - Visit the International House to find cultural opportunities and events.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Meet alumni and learn about their career paths in the Career Connections Networking Series.
  - Conduct informational interviews to learn more about different career fields.
  - Attend internship fairs to find internship opportunities.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Connect and build community
  - Connect with campus organizations, student government, and co-curricular activities through the LEAD Center.
  - Continue to build relationships with Spanish & Portuguese faculty by going to office hours.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
  - Take classes at another UC or college through a visitor and exchange program.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Explore post-graduation options at career and graduate school fairs.
  - Attend employer information sessions and network with professionals from a variety of industries.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Connect and build community
  - Join the SLC Language Exchange Program to practice your language skills with a peer.
  - Become a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to the Berkeley community.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Pursue fellowships as an option after Berkeley.
  - Explore gap year opportunities for a break before the next adventure.
  - Consider the Alternative Breaks program to go on service-learning trips over school breaks.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Get help from Berkeley Career Engagement with job searches, interviews, and applying to graduate school.
  - Boost your networking skills by attending events with Berkeley alumni.
  - Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
  - Apply for jobs or graduate school.

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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

**Jobs and Employers**
- Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
- Comm. Afrs., ConGen of Mexico in SF
- Comm. Engrn., Immigrants Rising
- Community Manager, Localwise
- Consultant, Triage Consulting Group
- Cyber Threat Analyst, Darktrace
- Fellow-Case Mgmt., Americas Corp.
- Health Educator, Public Health Inst.
- HR Assistant, UC Berkeley
- Office Manager, Oasis Legal Services
- Recruiter, Pinnacle Partners
- Researcher, Ceres Policy Research
- Teacher, KIPP LA Schools

**Graduate Programs**
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Comparative Literature
- Education
- Elementary Education
- International Relations
- Law School
- Linguistics
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Romance Language & Literature
- Secondary Education
- Social Work
- Spanish Language & Literature
- Speech Pathology

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Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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